Mass Rapid Transport System

4159. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in the country for which implementation of a Mass Rapid Transportation System has been sanctioned;

(b) the details of the current status of project implementation, city-wise; and

(c) the time-frame for completion of MRTS projects, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Phase-I of a rail based Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) has been approved for the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The project is being implemented by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC). The Progress achieved till March 2005 is 84% of the completion targets.

The project is targeted to be completed by March 2006.

Demolition of slums in Mumbai

4160. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no alternative land and accommodation scheme has been provided to many victims of demolition drive during year 2005 in Mumbai's slum as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the area of slum cleared and the criteria followed in demolitation of the slum;

(c) whether land is utilised for low income housing in Mumbai as per the Urban Land Ceiling Act; and

(d) if so, the details of such land utilised/to be utilised during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government of Maharashtra has informed that as per State Government's policy, protection is given only to slum dwellers residing prior to 1.1.1995 on Government, semi-Government land and declared slums on private land. Slums that have come up after 1.1.1995 on

Government and semi-Government land in Mumbai are evicted. As per this policy, State Government has taken up demolition drive during December, 2004 to January, 2005 for eviction of slums that have come up after 1.1.1995. During this drive, 65451 huts were demolised and 45 service plots reserved for public purposes and having an area of 288 acres have been cleared. Since the demolition drive was taken up as per policy of the State Government, rehabilitation of such slum dwellers does not arise.

(c) State Government has informed that no land is utilized for low income housing as per Urban Land Ceiling Act.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Allocation of funds under IDSMT

4161. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns' (IDSMT) programme;

(b) the amount sanctioned under the programme to various States/UTs during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka has sent a few proposals for implementation under the IDSMT Programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that full allocation of the funds for implementation of the programme has so far not released to the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and by when the balance funds would be released?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) seeks to provide/augment infrastructure facilities in towns with population upto 5 lakh as per 1991 Census and having potential for development as regional growth centres. Each town proposed under IDSMT should have an elected body in position. Identification and prioritization of towns for inclusion under IDSMT vests with State Governments and projects are approved by State Level Sanctioning Committees. For the purposes of financing, town are divided